

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 4-6, 8, 10-12, 15, 17-19 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over diFazio. The Examiner states that claims 7, 13, 16 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon or rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all other limitations to the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner has allowed claims 3 and 9.

Accordingly, Applicant's have cancelled Claim 1 and made Claim 4 dependent upon allowed Claim 3. Claim 5 is dependent upon Claim 4, and Claim 6 is dependent upon Claim 5 and Claim 7 is dependent upon Claim 6 and are thus indirectly dependent from allowed Claim 3 and should now be allowed. Claims 8 and 10 are now dependent upon allowed Claim 3 and should be allowed. Claim 9 has been allowed by the Examiner. Claims 11 and 12 are dependent upon Claim 10, which is now dependent upon Claim 3 and should thus be allowed. Applicant's have combined claims 1 and 13 to produce a claim that the Examiner has said is allowable. Claim 14 is withdrawn. The Examiner states that Claim 16 was objected to, therefore, Applicant's have combined claims 15 and 16 to produce a new claim 15 which should be allowed. Claim 16 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 17, 18, and 19 are dependent upon Claim 15 and should therefore now be allowed. Claim 20 is dependent upon Claim 19, which is dependent upon Claim 15, which should therefore be allowed, as should Claim 21. Claim 22 has been withdrawn by the Examiner.

The Examiner indicated that Claim 7 was objected to but contains allowable subject matter. In order to produce an allowable claim, this will require the combination of Claims 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7. A new Claim 23 is submitted herewith which is the combination of those four claims, and should thus be allowed.

Accordingly, Applicants believe the Application, as amended, is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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